

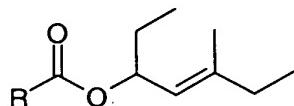
## REMARKS

Claims 1-7, as originally filed, and new claims 8-10 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. New claim 8 is supported in the specification at p.2, line 27; p.3, line 10, while new claims 9-10 are supported in the specification at p. 2, lines 13-14. As no new matter has been introduced by these new claims, they should be entered for examination at this time.

Claims 1 to 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,668,102 to Severns et al. (hereafter "Severns"). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Severns relates to liquid and solid biodegradable fabric softner compositions (abstract). The softening composition according to Severns comprises a non-allylic ester of a perfumery alcohol (column 6, line 22). In contrast, compound (I) of the present invention is an ester of a primary allylic alcohol. Thus, contrary to what is stated in the office action, the teaching of Severns clearly does not teach, and actually excludes rather than embraces, the compounds that are recited in the claims of the present application.

Even if the non-allylic character of the alcohol moiety of the prior art ester is ignored, the teachings of the Severns do not disclose, and would exclude, the compounds of the present invention. In this regard, the compound in Severns having the closest structure to the presently claimed esters would have the formula



i.e., an ester of a secondary allylic alcohol. The general formula of the prior art can not be interpreted as embracing any of the presently claimed compounds which include a primary allylic alcohol. Thus, the Examiner's anticipation rejection has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

Moreover, Applicant respectfully points out that compound (I) possesses odor properties and uses that are distinct from the ones that were taught by Severns. The present invention teaches compounds that have a green-fruity odor and are used as perfuming ingredients, i.e., compounds capable of conferring their own odor to a composition or product to which they are added. On the other hand, while the prior art compounds are described as

being a perfume (col. 2, line 39), there are actually described as being capable of generating other compounds, i.e. their degradation products only obtainable via hydrolysis, which are themselves odorant (see column 11, from line 30).

In view of the above, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should any issues remain, a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss the same in order to expedite the allowance of all the claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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